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## U. S. AND ENGLAND SELECT ARBITERS

Philadelphia is offering a bounty or rats to get the fleas off them. A ticklish proposition.

Naturally the baseball fans find in the restored Venus of Milo a southpaw with good curves.

The price of steel hoops has been advanced \$2 a ton, but not because hoop-kids are coming in.

A Minnesota health official says the only place to kiss a woman is on her photograph. Not on your typewriter!

A man recently found \$4,000 in an old mattress he was going to burn up. Probably some one left it to the hair.

The next thing to become popular is the auto milk cart. Then we'll probably find gasoline in the bottles.

A New York suffragette says: "I'm thirty-eight, and I don't care a whoop for the men!" Probably it's mutual.

A New York woman of eighty is starting to learn a trade. A person is never too old to learn, even in New York.

"Is heat a substance?" asks the Literary Digest, and any householder can tell the magazine that heat is an ex-pense.

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It is maintained by a Boston minister that it is possible to marry and live comfortably on \$15 a week. It is possible at least to marry on that income.

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CHANDLER P. ATKINSON AND SIR CHARLES FITZPATRICK TO DECIDE CLAIMS

### TWO WILL CHOOSE AN UMPIRE

Many Interesting and Important Law Questions in Cases Already Agreed Upon—Claims Divided into Four Classes.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and the United States have agreed upon the composition of the tribunal for the arbitration of pecuniary claims as provided in the special agreement recently ratified by the two governments.

Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, chief justice of Canada and the British member of the North Atlantic Coast Fisheries Arbitration Tribunal at the Hague in 1909, will represent Great Britain. Chandler P. Anderson, counselor of the department of state, will represent the United States.

These two will select a third member who will act as umpire, and will be a subject of neither Great Britain nor the United States.

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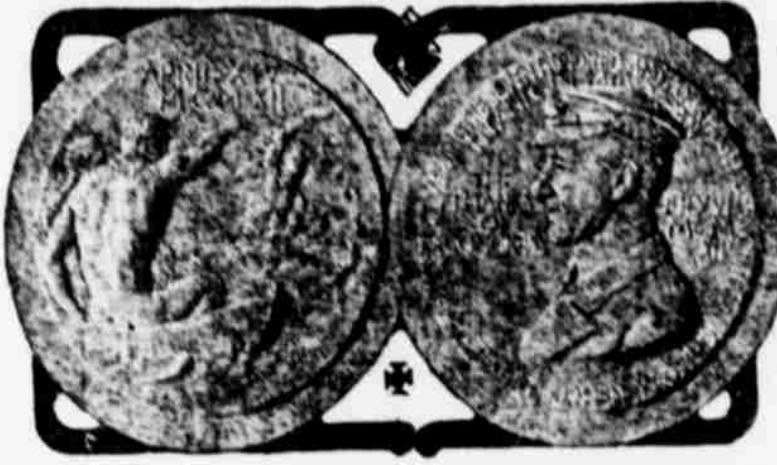
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## MEDAL FOR CAPTAIN ROSTRON



This is the medal to be presented by congress to Captain Arthur Rostron of the Carpathia for the rescue of the survivors of the Titanic. It was designed by John Flanagan of New York, and will be made of pure gold.

## CANADA TO BUILD A NAVY RURAL CREDIT PLAN URGED

### BATTLESHIPS TO COST \$35,000,000 IS PROGRAM

Ships to Be at England's Disposal Until Owners Shall Farm Fleet for Its Own Defense.

Ottawa, Ontario.—Under the Bonar government's temporary naval policy announced by the premier in the commons parliament is asked to vote \$20,000,000 for the construction of the three super-dreadnaughts to be the strongest in the world. The ships will be built in Great Britain, and will be at the disposal of the British admiralty for the common defense of the empire.

They will be maintained and controlled as part of the royal navy and Canada is assured that if at any time in the future it should be the will of the Canadian people to establish a Canadian navy, these vessels will be available for the Canadian government to form part of that navy in which case they would be maintained by Canada and not Great Britain.

In the event of Canada's desiring to withdraw her ships, due notice would be given to the admiralty. Special arrangements will be made to give Canada the opportunity to serve as of boats on their ships.

The government is not undertaking or beginning a system of regular or periodical contribution. The premier agrees that the payment of such contributions would not be the most satisfactory solution of the question of defense.

The British admiralty is prepared to give orders in the early future for the construction in Canada of small cruisers, oil tankers, vessels and auxiliary craft of various kinds. The Canadian government agrees to bear part of the cost for establishing the plants necessary for the building of these vessels.

The suggestion is made that a Canadian minister should reside in London during the whole or a portion of each year.

### UPHOLDS RELIGION IN HOMES

Vice President-elect Assails Parents Who Neglect Family Devotions —Praises Sunday School.

Chicago, Ill.—Thomas R. Marshall, vice president-elect, who is a delegate to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, in session here, devoted his address chiefly to the subject of family life and the Sunday school.

He said the Sunday school is intended to round out family devotions, not to take their place. In four years since he became vice president he said many had come to him seeking clemency for wayward sons or daughters. All these persons had seen their duty to lay down fixed rules of life and to teach the higher law of living in their homes. God would not have punished them in the falling away of their children, he said.

The daily session of the council was given to reports and discussions on civil work and church cooperation for the improvement of the lives of city dwellers.

### POLICE DYING KILLS NEGRO

Wood River, Ill.—Marshal Attempts to Arrest Black After Series of Tiffs on Sewer Job.

Wood River, Ill.—Mortally wounded by two charges of buckshot fired into his body from a double-barreled shotgun in the hands of Sam Williams, an intrepid negro, Sam T. Thompson, city marshal of Wood River, Ill., managed to get his revolver from his pocket, and, as he fell dying, sent two bullets into the negro's body which caused his death an hour later.

The shooting occurred about 4:30 o'clock on Ferguson avenue, Wood River, just across the street from Scott's hotel, and following a series of outbreaks by the negro, a laborer for a contracting company doing some sewer work in Wood River.

Savant Says Nice Think.

Cambridge, Mass.—Harvard psychologists have put the mouse in a class with worms and flowers. As a result of experiments, Charles A. Coburn declares that mice can think.

Troops Are Asked of Dix.

Little Falls, N. Y.—Charges that they have been driven to desperation by the forces arrayed against them, the textile strikers appealed to Governor Dix to send the state militia to protect their constitutional rights.

J. Sidney Walker Dead.

Olathe, Kas.—Women office seekers will be just as welcome at the office of George H. Hodges, governor-elect of Kansas, as the men, and Hodges made it known that women will be appointed to state positions.

## U. S. CROPS IN 1912 MOST PRODUCTIVE

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF FARMS WORTH \$9,532,000,000, SAYS MR. WILSON.

### KING CORN HOLDS THE LEAD

Interesting Facts and Figures That Are Found in the Annual Report of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C.—The most productive year in the history of the United States has drawn to a close, according to the annual report of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to the president, just made public.

Basing his figures on the census items of wealth production on farms, Secretary Wilson values the grand total of the 1912 crop at \$9,532,000,000. Besides the production of the soil, this amount includes the live stock output.

The enormous sum represented by the crop output of the United States for 1912 is more than twice the value of the wealth produced on farms in 1899, according to the census, and it is about one-eighth more than the wealth produced in 1909. During the past 16 years the farmer has steadily increased his wealth production year by year, with the exception of 1911, when the value declined from that of the preceding year.

The report of the secretary was one of the most bulky ever submitted by the department of agriculture. It occupied 258 pages and contained about 700,000 words. Most of this space was devoted to a lengthy review of the technical work of the department, covering such subjects as the epidemic of diseases among cattle, the campaign of the department against insects injurious to crops, reports on soils, and a detailed statement of the operations of the weather bureau.

In addition to information of this nature, Secretary Wilson included a crop statement which showed that the corn yield held the lead.

The estimated value of the 1912 product was \$1,100,000,000. The yield reached the high water mark of \$1,000,000,000 bushels. Hay was given second place in the estimated figures. The yield was 124,000,000 tons, which was held to be worth \$100,000,000. The importance of this crop, says the report, "is better realized when it is observed that its value is greater than that of the cotton crop and nearly as great as the combined values of the wheat, tobacco and potato crops."

The report states that it is too early to estimate the production of cotton this year, but \$400,000,000 was placed as a possible figure for this crop. The wheat yield, as estimated by the department, will be worth to the farmer producers, data were given by the fifth crop to be held, the value being estimated at \$400,000,000. The value of the potato crop was raised to \$300,000,000, the market value of 1911 being \$200,000,000. The value of the sugar crop in 1912 was \$120,000,000, and for the 1911 crop \$100,000,000. The production of sugar from the beet was set at \$100,000,000.

Farm prices at which the crops of 1912 are valued have declined from the prices of 1911 in the cases of some important products. Hay has decreased 16 per cent, corn 16 per cent, oats 12 per cent, rye 17 per cent, wheat 16 per cent, hay 16 per cent, oats 16 per cent, wheat 16 per cent, barley 17 per cent, and beet sugar 16 per cent. Sugar sugar about 12 per cent. The value of the cotton crop of 1912 has fallen about 12 per cent, and for the 1911 crop 16 per cent. Butter has increased 11 per cent, and milk nearly 8 per cent. Eggs have raised 16 per cent and poultry about 1 per cent.

Children Quietly Escape Fire.

Kansas City, Mo.—Two hundred pupils marched out in an orderly fashion when fire was discovered on the roof of St. Agnes academy, a Catholic school, in the northeastern part of the city. The fire was soon extinguished.

Cancer Trust Indictment.

New York—Judge Hough, in the United States district court, dismissed the indictment against the sugar trust. The indictment, which was returned May 1, 1909, was founded on the trust's act in closing the Pennsylvania Sugar Refining company in 1902.

Boys Confess 50 Robberies.

Chicago—Four young men, ranging in age from 16 to 21 years, confessed to the police of Midway Park, a suburb, that they have committed at least 50 robberies in the last 12 months and carried away loot the aggregate value of which is placed at \$20,000.

Thousands See Fatal Leap.

New York—Major John C. Mallory, U. S. A., retired, whose home was at Aiken, S. C., killed himself in a spectacular manner in the sight of thousands of pedestrians and others who were near the Manhattan hotel.

Old Men Pardoned by Taft.

Washington—Edward Bailey and William M. Johnson, convicted in St. Louis in 1911 of illegally manufacturing colored oleomargarine and sentenced to a year's imprisonment, were pardoned by President Taft.

Unwritten Law Saved Her.

Dallas, Tex.—Mrs. Minnie Ladague

was acquitted of the charge of murder during her husband, W. H. Ladague,

last summer, because of his attentions to other women. She pleaded the "unwritten law."

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